

Dear FCC,

Sinclair is acting in a wildly undemocratic manor and it is your DUTY to stop it. NOW. With an unelected president in office and another close election at hand, even some little things count, and this is not a little thing. If Bush gets into office because of negligence on your part and then continues down this path of facism, destroying our democracy and world peace, justice and sustainability (such as they are), what will you folks tell your children and grandchildren as they grow up in 1984-like conditions? How will you sleep at night?

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.